

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.42
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	5550 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Eastham
Local No:	05-001
Year Constructed:	c 1940
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Cape; Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Poured Concrete



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's
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USGS Quad

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Area(s)

Form Number

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Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

5550 State Highway

LC Name

Present Residential

Original "

Construction c. 1940

Owner and Observation

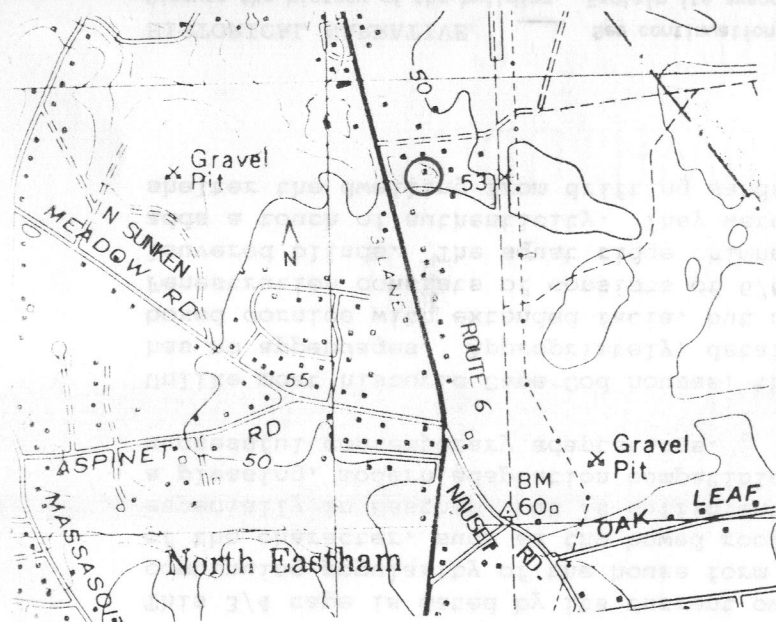
Form Modern 3/4 Cape Cod House

ct/Builder

r Material:



here. Indicate North.



Foundation Poured Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing Cottage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved X no ___ yes Date

Acreage 2.5 Acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.

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BUILDING FORM

5550 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 3/4 cape is dated by its current owner to the 1940's and shows the continuing popularity of the house form into the modern period. It lacks some of the character, such as the bowed roof common to historic Cape Cod houses, especially in Eastham, but is sufficiently well-proportioned and massed to be a pleasing, modern adaptation compatible to the community and a model for less successful contemporary adaptations.

Unlike most historic Cape Cod houses, the rectangular, 4 x 2-bay, main block has no appendages. Appropriately, detail is spare, limited to end boards, boxed cornice with extended fascia, but no return, plain window and door trim. Fenestration consists of consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with louvered blinds. The squat ridge chimney sits off center. The picket fence adds a touch of authenticity. They were often used on historic capes to help shelter the dwelling from drifting sands.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

No research, data or house file exists for this property at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. The current owner dates the property to the 1940's and such seems likely from its appearance. After the Second World War, Eastham as well as other Cape Cod towns experienced a substantial increase in the number of permanent as well as seasonal residents. This dwelling represents a successful adaptation of the Cape Cod house form to meet this need for new construction.

Since the only Directory for the Town of Eastham dates to 1901, no identification of the original or subsequent owners was possible using readily-available, local records. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ See continuation sheet.

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